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### **PURDUE RECEIVES NEARLY \$2 MILLION FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS**

INDIANAPOLIS—State Rep. Sheila Klinker (D-Lafayette), co-vice chair of the House Ways and Means Committee's Higher Education Subcommittee, said the State Budget Committee approved nearly \$2 million in improvements for the Purdue University Airport at a meeting today on the IUPUI campus in Fort Wayne.

Taxiways A, including A1 and A2, and Taxiway B, including B2, will be repaired and reconstructed. Some of the airfield's lighting system will be upgraded as well.

"I am pleased the State Budget Committee agreed to invest money in the airport's improvements," said Klinker. "The airfield is not only an important part of the campus, but also of our community. Many businesses use the airport on a regular basis, including companies who consider locating in Tippecanoe County and in the Purdue Research Park and Discovery Park. It is a great asset for our community, so it is prudent to keep the facility in top shape."

The taxiways' existing asphalt will be pulverized, then graded and reshaped before the new asphalt is laid. The taxiways connect the hangars, runways and the terminal.

Klinker said the project will receive \$1.8 million from the Federal Aviation Administration, \$47,500 from the Indiana Department of Transportation and \$47,500 from the Airport Development Fund.

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